**Report of the Committee on spurious drug**

1835. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AMHED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of DGHS to go into all aspects of the menace of spurious drugs and suggest remedial measures, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has recommended detailed guidelines about strategies needed to be adopted by the State Licensing Authorities and focused monitoring activities to curb the menace of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs. These Strategies included establishment of intelligence-cum-legal cell and anti spurious squad to detect and unearth spurious drugs cases; to set up/reactivate state drugs advisory committee in which all stake holders are partners; speedy analysis of drugs samples by the testing labs; undertaking surviellance of suspected dealers through decoy customers/watchers; training programmes for officers of drugs control administration in matters concerning development of intelligence; detection, investigation; preparing and filing complaints, courts procedures; efficient communication networking through computerization; making stricter provisions under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 for offences non-bailable and non-cognizable; speedy trial by identified or designated courts for deciding spurious drug case etc.

**Financial assistance under NCCP**

1836. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry for financial assistance to Nandamuri

Basava Taraka Rama Rao Memorial Cancer Foundation and Research Centre under National Cancer Control Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the request made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded a request of Indo-American Cancer Institute & Research Centre promoted by Smt. N.B.T. Rama Rao Memorial Cancer Foundation & American Telugu Women's Organisation in which financial assistance for purchase of various equipments and for support of proposed cancer Screening wing has been requested.

Under the scheme of setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit of the National Cancer control Programme an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore was released to the Smt. NBT Rama Rao Memorial Cancer Hospital, Hyderabad in 1999. Since this is a one-time grant, the request of the organisation for additional assistance was not acceded to. In order to meet the needs of the cancer patients, the MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad has been recognized as the Regional Cancer Centre and is regularly getting grant-in-aid from this Ministry.

**Foreign funds to fight AIDS, Malaria and TB**

1837. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to invite foreign funds to control AIDS, Malaria and TB;

(b) if so, whether recent statements made by US Ambassador in India and Microsoft Chief highlighting the dangers of AIDS in India have created panic in the country;

(c) whether Government have examined these statements;

(d) whether the Prime Minister has also called for early development of AIDS vaccine;